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SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM POPPY CONTROL PROGRAM

REF (A) ANKARA 7749; (B) ANKARA 8336 (NOTAL (C) ANKARA 8364
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1. EXPORT PROGRAM: HAVING FAILED TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT
SALES OF POPPY CAPSULES AT A PRICE OF ITS OWN CHOOSING
(REF A), THE SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE (TMO) HAS PLACED NOTICES
IN TURKISH NEWSPAPERS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 7 OF ITS INTENTION
TO SELL "5800 TONS OF UNINCISED POPPY CAPSULES".
SPECIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM THE INFORMATION OF-
FICE OF THE TMO GENERAL DIRECTORATE IN ANKARA, THE
TMO IZMIR REGIONAL OFFICE, AND THE TMO OPIUM AFFAIRS BRANCH
IN ISTANBUL. OFFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 1400 NOVEMBER 27, 1975.
(REF. C)

2. OPIATE IMPORTS: TMO HAS ALSO PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED ITS
INTENTION TO PURCHASE 1500 KILOGRAMS OF CODEINE PURE, 2000 KILOGRAMS
OF CODEINE PHOSPHATE, AND 1000 KILOGRAMS OF ETHYLMORPHINE CHLORO-
HYDRATE (DIONINE). BIDDING SPECIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
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FROM THE TMO GENERAL DIRECTORATE AND THE TMO OPIUM AFFAIRS BRANCH

IN ISTANBUL. OFFERS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 1400 DECEMBER 2,
1975. (REF B)

3. ALKALOID PLANT: ACCORDING TO ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WEEKLY, BRIEFING,
GOT MINAGRICULTURE HAS DECIDED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH KNOLL
A.G. OF WEST GERMANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN OPIUM ALKALOIDS PLANT.
USAID OFFICER HAS LEARNED FROM TMO OFFICIALS THAT KNOLL'S BID CON-
TAINED PROCTION GUARANTEES AND PROPOSED STRINGENT SECURITY
MEASURES WHICH WERE ATTRACTIVE TO THE GOT. KNOLL PROPOSES TO
USE THE SOLVENT PROCESS FOR ALKALOID EXTRACTION. WE UNDERSTAND
THAT THE SOLVENT PROCESS, WHILE MORE EFFICIENT THAN THE WATER
PROCESS, IS MORE COMPLEX AND REQUIRES CHEMICALS WHICH WILL
HAVE TO BE IMPORTED BY TURKEY, AT LEAST INITIALLY. BRIEFING ALSO
SUGGESTS POSSIBLE DISAGREEMENT WITHIN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING
THE PLANT SITE, WITH THE JUSTICE PARTY REPORTEDLY FAVORING AFYON
CITY WHILE THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY FAVORS BOLVADIN DISTRICT
IN AFYON PROVINCE.

4. GROWING AREA: USAID OFFICER IS NOW TRAVELLING TO
AFYON TO SEEK AT LEAST PRELIMINARY FIGURES FOR LICENSED
POPPY ACREAGE FOR 1975-1976 GROWING SEASON. FALL
PLANTING IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY MACOMBER

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